

No support is provided for the position stated in the Official Action; broad statements of related art cannot be a basis for a restriction requirement.

In view of the above remarks Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and that the Examiner proceed with a substantive examination of claims 1-13.

2. As required by the rules, Applicants make the provisional election of Group II and the claims (1, 2, and 10-13, in part, and 4 - 8) encompassed therein.

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